

29 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Following our letter last Wednesday, the government advice around school attendance recommended that students return to face-to-face schooling. The large number of students attending SAC yesterday indicated that students and parents are confident about returning to school.

As a result, we communicated via SMS yesterday afternoon that regular timetabled lessons will resume today. We thank you for your understanding in needing to communicate this decision with you as quickly as possible yesterday.

This email is to provide you with some reassurance around measures in place to keep children safe at school this term:

- Additional and regular cleaning throughout the day of the playground, door handles, handrails and shared spaces (eg library)
- Hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms and entry points to the campus for student and parent use
- Signage to alert parents that student drop off and pick up needs to occur outside of the classroom
- Restricting the use of water fountains to filling up drink bottles only (the drink bubblers are not to be used) and the fountains will be regularly cleaned throughout the day
- PE lessons will occur as per the timetable – all Reception to Year 9 students have been issued with an ‘active pack’ which contains sporting items that the students will use in PE classes
- OSHC will continue to be available.

### **Continuing restrictions**

The following have been put on hold until further notice:

- Large gatherings such as assemblies, masses and other whole school events
- Excursions
- Curriculum extension activities (eg sporting competitions).

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

The Reception to Year 12 Parent-Teacher interview evenings scheduled for Term 2, Monday 11 May and Monday 18 May will go ahead as scheduled, however they will be conducted by telephone only. Further information about the interview evenings and how to book your appointments will be distributed to families shortly.



## **Year 10 to 12 Exams, Work Experience and Semester changeover**

In response to the disruption to learning experienced this year, Year 10 and 11 students will not undertake Semester 1 Exams. Instead, they will attend school to complete their lessons for the semester.

Year 10 Work Experience (originally scheduled for Week 8 of Term 2) has been postponed. Further information will be shared with families and workplaces soon.

Semester 2 will begin in Week 9 of Term 2 as per the calendar.

Year 12 students will undertake their midyear exams in Week 1 of Term 3, with Week 10 of Term 2 being a regular school week.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

We reiterate the message that Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer, has communicated to parents:

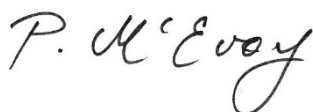
*"I encourage families to feel comfortable and safe about sending their children to school. However, if your child has a chronic medical condition or a compromised immune system, you may wish to consult your GP or paediatrician when deciding if your child should return to school.*

*If your child/children have symptoms of a cold or have a fever, keep them at home until they are better plus get them tested for COVID-19."*

Our teachers are committed to providing remote learning to support students with medical conditions or circumstances preventing them from attending school. Please notify SAC via email [absentees@sac.sa.edu.au](mailto:absentees@sac.sa.edu.au) or SMS 0438 433 333 if your daughter is unable to attend school.

We are genuinely thrilled to welcome so many students back to school and we hope that those students who are continuing to learn from home feel connected and engaged. Our partnership in caring for young people through this challenging time is more important than ever and I thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Paddy McEvoy

Principal